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ELKTON MAN SENTENCED FOR CHILD PORN

BALTIMORE, Maryland - United States Attorney for the District of Maryland Rod J. Rosenstein announces that today U.S. District Court Judge William M. Nickerson sentenced Duane Lawson, age 38, of Elkton, Maryland to 10 years in prison followed by supervised release for life in connection with his guilty plea to possession of child pornography.

According to the agreed statement of facts presented to the court, a search of Lawson's computer at his residence on February 18, 2004 revealed that Lawson had stored over 50 pictures of underage persons engaged in sexually explicit conduct, including at least one image of a victim known to be a minor under the age of 12. The child pornography images had been mailed or transported in interstate commerce, including by computer.

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Upper Allen Township Police Department and the Elkton Police Department and was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Bonnie S. Greenberg and Kwame J. Manley.